

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1. On December 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, the Department of Environmental Quality shall hold a public hearing in Room 111 of the Metcalf Building, 1520 E. 6th Avenue, Helena, Montana, to take public comment regarding the following documents: (1) 2007 Flagged PM-10 and PM-2.5 Monitoring Data (Data); (2) 2007 Flagged Data Exclusion Demonstration (Demonstration); and (3) Natural Events Action Plan (NEAP). The Department proposes submitting all documents to EPA for purposes of excluding wildfire influenced monitoring data from determinations of violation or exceedance of federal air quality standards.
2. The Data and Demonstration contain information regarding monitoring data "flagged" to indicate those anomalous monitored values influenced by smoke from the 2007 wildfires.
3. The NEAP provides for prompt public notification; describes actions to reduce smoke exposure; and implements measures to protect public health whenever air quality concentrations exceed or are expected to exceed federal air quality standards.
4. Interested persons may view the Data and NEAP on the Department's website at <http://www.deq.mt.gov/meetings.asp> or may call the Department at 406-444-7916 to have a copy made available for their inspection. Interested persons may view or obtain a copy of the Demonstration by calling the Department at 406-444-7916.
5. The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government proceedings. Persons needing accommodation must notify Debra Wolfe by calling 406-444-7916 no later than 5:00 p.m., November 30, 2007 to allow adequate time to arrange reasonable accommodation.
6. Interested persons may submit their data, views, or arguments regarding these documents at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to Debra Wolfe by mail at: P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, by fax at: 406-444-1499, or by e-mail at [dwolfe@mt.gov](mailto:dwolfe@mt.gov). All written comments must be received no later than close of business, December 7, 2007.